

Stefan 'Steve' Dwojak

March 25, 1928 — Oct. 7, 2009

Stefan "Steve" Dwojak, 81, died at 3:01 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2009 in Marion General Hospital.

He was born in Tysmenetsia, Ukraine to the late Mykola and Maria (Dolatovska) Dwojak and came to the United States in 1949. He moved to Marion in 1954 and in later years spent winters in Venice, Fla.

He married Kateryna Gontaruk in April 1954. She survives.

Steve's first business was cleaning windows and then founded Marion Window Cleaning Service. He later began janitorial cleaning and founded AAA Custodial Service and Superior Supply. He also founded and owned Steve's Car Wash and formerly owned Steve's Car Wash South. Steve was a property investor and owned real estate throughout Marion.

In retirement he did a lot of fund raising for Ukrainian exchange students at Iowa State University in connection with the Ukrainian University of Agriculture in Kiev. Students did not have enough to eat so he built a bakery at the university in Kiev to bake bread to help feed the students and later began making sausage.

Steve was a member of St. Mary's Ukrainian Church in Venice, Florida and attended St. Paul Catholic Church in Marion. He enjoyed spending time with friends and especially visiting over coffee at Bob Evans.

Survivors include wife, Kateryna Dwojak, Marion;



daughters, J a n e (Greg) Bowers, Marion, Helen Stuttle, Indianapolis, Victoria Hartgraves, Marion, Doria (Don) LaFlamme, Indianapolis; eight grandchildren; and sister, Kateryna, Ukraine.

He was preceded in death by parents and sister, Maria.

Services are at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, 2009 in Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion with the Rev. Richard Weisenberger officiating.

Visitation is from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009 in the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Iowa State University Foundation Ukrainian Exchange Program in College of Agriculture, c/o David Acker, 134 Curtis, Ames, Iowa 50011.

Online condolences may be made at www.nswcares.com.